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Kind regards,

Christy Hennigan


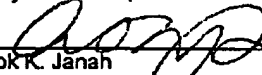
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Application No: 10/637,186 Confirmation No: 3944	Examiner: Arun S. Phasga
Filed: August 8, 2003	Attorney Docket No: PION.2.US
Title: SELECTABLE ION CONCENTRATIONS WITH ELECTROLYTIC ION EXCHANGE	Tuesday, July 05, 2005 San Francisco, CA 94107

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		Large Entity      Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment	One Month	\$120.00      \$60.00
Declaration	Two Months	\$450.00      \$225.00
0 Drawings	Three Months	\$1,020.00      \$510.00
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement	<b>Total \$ 0.00</b>	
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	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Number Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
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Independent Claims	7	3	4	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims			0	\$360.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
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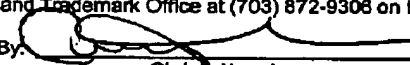
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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